

Statement of Variances - Year ended 31 March 2026

OTTERBURN PARISH COUNCIL

Instructions for completing this template:

1. Enter figures per the AGAR in the cells highlighted in light blue. This will automatically calculate a difference and a percentage change between years.
2. If the variance is within 15%, no explanation is required (except fixed assets). However, if it is outside this threshold, the percentage difference will highlight in yellow and an explanation is required.
3. Explanations should be entered in each section, quantified to show the figures for each year. This will automatically calculate the remaining difference and the percentage unexplained.
4. Once a sufficient explanation has been given to bring the percentage within 15% between years, the percentage difference cell will highlight as 'green' in the 'adjusted' line.

Please note that for fixed assets, regardless of the percentage change in the figure, an explanation is required for the movement.

Item	2024-25	2025-26	Difference	%	Additional comments / explanations
Box 2: Precept or Rates and levies	6,582.00	6,582.00	-	0.0%	
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Box 2: Precept or Rates and levies (adjusted)			-	0.0%	No further explanation needed
Box 3: Total other receipts	4,116.00	390.00	- 3,726.00	-90.5%	
Grant for blister pack recycle	145.00	324.00	179.00		
Credit Int	128.00	66.00	- 62.00		
VAT reclaim	2,600.00		- 2,600.00		
Grant for bench	500.00		- 500.00		
County Council Grant for Defib maintenance	570.00		- 570.00		
Box 3: Total other receipts (adjusted)			- 173.00	-4.2%	No further explanation needed
Box 4: Staff costs	3,956.00	3,654.00	- 302.00	-7.6%	
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Box 4: Staff costs (adjusted)			- 302.00	-7.6%	No further explanation needed
Box 5: Loan interest/capital repayments	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
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Box 5: Loan interest/capital repayments (adjusted)			-	0.0%	No further explanation needed
Box 6: Other payments	10,326.00	4,590.00	- 5,736.00	-55.5%	
Grass cutting	2,249.00	1,999.00	- 250.00		
Electric power to Mill Green	2,776.00	118.00	- 2,658.00		
Purchase & installation of solar light	1,282.00		- 1,282.00		
Tree surgery	792.00		- 792.00		
Play area maintenance		550.00	550.00		
Play area maintenance & seat purchase	987.00		- 987.00		
Box 6: Other payments (adjusted)			- 317.00	-3.1%	No further explanation needed
Box 9: Fixed assets plus long-term investments	49,535.00	49,535.00	-	0.0%	
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Box 9: Fixed assets plus long-term investments (adjusted)			-	0.0%	No further explanation needed
Box 10: Total borrowings	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
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Box 10: Total borrowings (adjusted)			-	0.0%	No further explanation needed